

# An Angel Frees Peter From Jail

Acts 12:1-18

Bible Truth Sleuth

LESSON 9

I Can Serve God By:

I Can  
Serve  
Too!

I Can Serve Others By:





## BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

King Herod was very pleased with himself. He'd just had James put to death—which made the Jews very happy. Now he'd arrested Peter. The Christians were afraid that Herod would have Peter killed, too. They gathered at Mary's house to pray for Peter.

God was at work, though. While Peter was sleeping in prison, God sent an angel to set him free. "Wake up, Peter," said the angel as Peter's chains fell off. "Quickly, follow me."

Peter thought he was dreaming, but he followed the angel past the sleeping guards and safely out of the jail. When Peter was free and clear, the angel disappeared.

"I'm free!" thought Peter. He hurried to Mary's house, where an excited servant girl left him outside as she ran to deliver the wonderful news. No one believed her at first, but Peter knocked on the door until they came to let him in. "Tell everyone what God has done," Peter said, and then he left for another place.

**Bible Point:** Angels protect and help God's people.

**Key Verse:** "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).



### Angels in the Word

Look up the word *angel* in your Bible's concordance. As you look up the Scripture references, make a list of ways God used angels in Bible

times. When you've made your list, work together to make an angel food cake. While the cake bakes, imagine ways God might use angels to help your family today. Then think of ways that you, as a family, can serve God and others. As you enjoy eating your cake, thank God for loving you enough to send angels to help you.

### PARENT STUMPER

**Q: What was the name of the servant girl who forgot to let Peter in?**

**A:** Rhoda



### Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through

on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Tell a friend about a time you felt protected by God's angels.
- Watch the sunrise or sunset and thank God for sending his angels to help you.
- Have someone read Acts 12:1-18 with you. Praise God for the gift of angels.

## THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY** John 13:14-17

Who is your best example of serving?

**TUESDAY** 1 Timothy 3:13

What do you think it means to serve "well"?

**WEDNESDAY** Ephesians 6:7

What's the easiest way for you to remember you are serving God?

**THURSDAY** Deuteronomy 10:12

How can you serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul?

**FRIDAY** Hebrews 13:1-2

Do you think you or your family has entertained angels at some time? When?

**SATURDAY** Hebrews 1:14

How has God used angels to minister to you personally?

